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In re:

ASSUNCAO BROS., INC.,

Debtor.

Chapter 11 (Subchapter V)

Case No. 22-16159

Judge:

**ORDER GRANTING DEBTOR'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER  
AUTHORIZING THE DEBTOR TO PAY AND HONOR PRE-PETITION EMPLOYEE  
WAGES, SALARIES, BENEFITS, EXPENSES, AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS**

The relief set forth on the following page(s) numbered two (2) through five (5) is hereby  
**ORDERED.**

**DATED: August 4, 2022**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine M. Gravelle", is written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Christine M. Gravelle  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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The Court, having reviewed and considered the *Debtor's Motion for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Debtor to Pay and Honor Pre-Petition Employee Wages, Salaries, Benefits, Expenses, and Other Obligations* (the "Employee Wages Motion" or the "Motion")<sup>1</sup>, seeking an order (i) authorizing the Debtor to (a) pay certain prepetition employee wages, salaries, and bonuses (the "Employee Claims"); (b) continue, in the ordinary course of business, the maintenance of all employee benefit programs, including health insurance, paid time off (vacation and sick leave), workers' compensation, 401k plan, and other benefit programs set forth herein (the "Employee Benefits"); (c) reimburse employees for prepetition expenses that employees incurred on behalf of the Debtor in the ordinary course of business (the "Employee Expenses"); (d) pay all related prepetition payroll taxes and withhold and remit other deductions (the "Employee Withholdings"); and (e) to the extent that any of the foregoing programs are administered, insured, or paid through a third-party administrator or provider, to pay any prepetition claims of such administrator and provider in the ordinary course of business to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of payments or other benefits to the employees (collectively, the foregoing enumerated items are the "Employee Obligations"); and (ii) directing the Debtor's bank(s), when requested by the Debtor in its discretion, to honor and process any checks or electronic transfers drawn on the Debtor's bank accounts which are issued to pay any prepetition Employee Obligations (as more fully set forth in the Motion); and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein is in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and consideration of the Motion and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

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<sup>1</sup> All capitalized, undefined terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Motion.

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§§ 1408 and 1409; and due, sufficient, and proper notice of the Motion having been provided under the circumstances in accordance with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”) and the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the “Local Rules”), and it appearing that no other further notice need be provided; and upon consideration of the *Declaration of Martin Assuncao in Support of Voluntary Petition and First Day Motions* and the record of the hearing and all of the proceedings had before the Court; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Motion is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtor and its estate, as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 6003, and is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, its creditors, its stakeholders, and all other parties-in-interest, and that the legal and factual basis set forth in the Motion establishes just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.
2. The Debtor shall be and hereby is authorized to pay and honor (including to any third parties that provide or aid in the monitoring, processing or administration of the Employee Obligations), in its sole discretion, the Employee Obligations, including but not limited to Employee Claims, up to the limit set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4), Employee Benefits up to the limit set forth in 11 U.S.C. 507(a)(5), Employee Expenses, Employee Withholdings, Payroll Taxes for the most recent prepetition payroll, and any administrative fees incurred in connection with providing the Employee Obligations, as and when such obligations are due, upon entry of this order.

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3. The Debtor is further authorized to pay any pre-petition amounts owed to its third-party payroll administrator to the extent necessary ensure that the relief granted by this Order can be carried out, and the Debtor may continue to pay such third-party payroll administrator in the ordinary course of business post-petition.

4. The Debtor shall be and hereby is authorized, in its sole discretion, to honor and continue its Employee Obligations that were in effect as of the Petition Date; provided, however, that such relief shall (a) not be construed as an admission as to the validity of any claim against the Debtor; (b) not constitute or be deemed an assumption or an authorization to assume any of such Employee Obligations, including, policies, plans or programs under 11 U.S.C. § 365(a); (c) waive, affect or impair any of the Debtor's or any appropriate party-in-interest's rights, claims or defenses, including, but not limited to, those arising from 11 U.S.C. § 365, other applicable law and any agreement; (d) grant third-party beneficiary status or bestow any additional rights on any third party; or (e) be otherwise enforceable by any third party.

5. The Debtor's banks shall be and hereby are authorized to receive, process, honor and pay all pre and postpetition checks, drafts, wires, and ACH payments, and other fund transfers on account of the Employee Obligations that had not been honored and paid as of the Petition Date, provided that sufficient funds are on deposit in the applicable accounts to cover such payments.

6. The Debtor's banks shall be and hereby are prohibited from placing any holds on, or attempting to reverse, any automatic transfers to any account of an employee of the Debtor or other party for any Employee Obligations, provided that sufficient funds are on deposit in the applicable accounts to cover such transfers.

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7. The Debtor is authorized to issue new postpetition checks or effect new postpetition fund transfers on account of the Employee Obligations to replace any prepetition checks or fund transfer requests that may be dishonored or rejected subject to the limit under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4) and (5).

8. The Debtor is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver such documents and to take and perform all actions necessary to implement and effectuate the relief granted in this Order.

9. Authorizations given to the Debtor in this Order empower, but do not direct, the Debtor to effectuate the payments specified herein, the Debtor retaining the business judgment to make or not make said payments, and in all instances subject to the condition that funds are available to make any payment, and in no event shall any person (Debtor, officer, director or otherwise) be personally liable for any amounts authorized for payment herein but not paid.

10. The requirements of Fed R. Bankr. P. 6003(b) have been satisfied.

11. The requirements of Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004(a) are waived.

12. This Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry hereof.

13. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.